

## **California Regional Targets Advisory Committee for SB 375**

(January 2009)

### Scope of Responsibility

California state law (SB 375, Statutes of 2008) requires the Air Resources Board to set regional targets for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from passenger vehicles, for 2020 and 2035. If regions develop integrated land use, housing, and transportation plans that meet the SB 375 targets, new projects can be relieved of certain review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The Board must appoint a Regional Targets Advisory Committee to provide recommendations on factors to be considered and methodologies to be used in the target setting process. The Committee may consider the following, and any other relevant issues:

- Modeling techniques
- Growth forecasts
- Jobs-housing balance
- Interregional trips
- Economic trends
- Demographic trends
- Benefits of land use and transportation strategies
- Methods to describe regional targets
- Methods to monitor performance in meeting targets

The Committee is required to provide recommendations in a report to the Air Resources Board by September 30, 2009. ARB must propose draft targets by June 10, 2010 and take action to set the targets by September 30, 2010.

### Committee Process

All meetings are open to the public. ARB staff will work closely with the Committee to set meeting agendas, identify critical issues for Committee consideration, provide informational reports and technical support, and coordinate public input. ARB staff will provide an update to the Board on Committee activities prior to completion of the Committee report. The results of the Committee's work and its report will be presented to the ARB at a public meeting.

### Committee Members

State law requires that the Committee include representatives of metropolitan planning organizations, local transportation agencies, air districts, the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and other organizations involved with planning, the environment, environmental justice, and affordable housing. The Committee consists of individuals with a mix of expertise and experience selected to work together to develop recommendations that will assist the ARB in the target setting process.